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Gadhafi. On TV



▶ This image broadcast on Libyan state television yesterday shows Moammar Gadhafi as he addresses the nation in Tripoli.

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Libyan leader refuses to step down

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight on against protesters demanding his ouster. "I am a fighter, a revolutionary from tents. ... I will die as a martyr at the end," he said. More coverage, pages 6 & 10.

Local shaken up after quake

Calgarian worries about family in New Zealand {page 3}

Married man a Catholic priest

Rare exception made for Lutheran convert {page 11}

Roughnecks on the brink of collapse?

In a letter, team's GM and owner says financial support needed 'desperately' Players informed on the weekend their paycheques would be late



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The Calgary Roughnecks are on the brink of bankruptcy, says the team's owner and general manager.

In a letter sent out yesterday, Brad Banister said he's "in the deepest of valleys with little hope of getting out," as financial hardship plagues the city's professional lacrosse team.

"It is time to call out the groups that need so desperately to step up," Banister continued. "When I look around the city and witness that every professional team or performing arts of Calgary has a building or facility to use that somewhat gives them a chance for survival it saddens me."

The Roughnecks have been a part of the Calgary community for a decade.

In that time, they have nabbed two National Lacrosse League championships and thrilled thousands of fans like Donna McTaggart. She and her husband were in attendance for Roughnecks home game No. 1 and haven't missed one since. "It took me about two minutes into the very first game to absolutely love it," she said.

McTaggart said she believes Banister is simply sending a message to the Calgary community and doesn't believe the team will fold before the season ends.

"My gut tells me it's a threat," she said.

Nick Cherniawsky, who himself has played competitive lacrosse for 12 years, said the Roughnecks have done wonders for the sport's exposure. "It would be a pretty big shot to Alberta lacrosse," he said, of the team's possible closure. "It's really starting to grow here and I think the Roughnecks definitely help that."

Where they stand

- Online reaction to the team's outlook was swift. "The Roughnecks are part of the pride and joy of Calgary sports teams. Why would we get rid of them?" wrote one fan. "Sad," was all another had to say.
- In his letter, Banister said the Roughnecks and Roughnecks Foundation has raised more than $1 million over the past decade for worthy charities.

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Man reporting crime was attacked: Police

Police say a man attempting to report what appeared to be a vehicle break-in was stabbed in the forehead with a syringe last week.

The man reportedly witnessed one suspect attempting to enter a vehicle on the fourth level of a parkade at 231–6th Ave. SW around 11 a.m. last Thursday. As the man called 911 to report the apparent crime, he was attacked from behind by a second suspect, who stabbed him with a syringe.

A piece of the syringe broke off in the man's forehead. He sought refuge under a vehicle and the suspects fled.

Police continue to investigate and are seeking tips from anyone who may have witnessed the incident.

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Alberta to look to Asia: Speech

The Alberta government says if the province is to flourish in a quicksilver global economy, it must look past Uncle Sam and feed the Asian tiger.

In the speech from the throne read in the legislature yesterday, Lt.-Gov. Don Ethell announced that Alberta will ramp up plans to expand its markets for food, oil and technology in Asia. The throne speech will be followed by the provincial budget tomorrow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Rescuers use their bare hands and dogs in an urgent search for survivors still trapped in crumbled buildings more than 24 hours after an earthquake devastated Christchurch, New Zealand.

Quake leaves local feeling helpless

- New Zealand was hit yesterday by a 6.3-magnitude earthquake
- Death toll is at 75 with at least 300 people still missing



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When New Zealander Zac Borrows heard an earthquake hit Christchurch, he figured it was no worse than the previous quake that struck five months ago.

He was wrong.

Search teams using dogs, heavy cranes and earthmovers worked through dawn in one of New Zealand's largest cities, trying frantically to find survivors left by a powerful earthquake. But they are almost certain that the death toll will quickly rise, ranking the disaster among the island nation's worst earthquakes in 80 years.

"The first report coming out said there were 17 dead, and I thought that was huge," said Borrows.

For hours following the disaster, Borrows, who has lived in Calgary for five years, waited for word that his sister, her boyfriend and his two nieces were safe.

"I was just absolutely terrified," he said, adding he was receiving updates from his father, who is a member of parliament in Wellington.

While the two young girls, aged 11 and 8, were temporarily unaccounted for, Borrows said all his family members are safe.

Borrows said his family is set to fly to Canada next week for his wedding, but he wishes he were the one flying across the ocean.

"These people are in good hands, but I would still like to be able to do something."

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News in brief



Nenshi asked to speak about suite issue

TOWN HALL. Mayor Naheed Nenshi was asked to pitch secondary suites to Ward 14 constituents in a town hall meeting held last night.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart requested that Nenshi speak in her ward and explain his perspective on secondary suites — an issue set to come before council in early March.

Colley-Urquhart has also been conducting a survey on her website, which currently shows 97 per cent of respondents care about the issue. METRO

Man killed in semi crash

FATALITY. A 50-year-old Calgary man was killed instantly in a car crash on Highway 1 near Hope, B.C., on Monday evening.

A semi truck loaded with lumber lost control after crossing the Emory Creek Bridge before hitting a second semi head-on. A third semi then barrelled into the second semi.

All three drivers were taken to hospital. The Calgary passenger of the second semi died at the scene. METRO

Rapist to be released in fall

CRIME. Convicted rapist Andrew Jefferson was denied early release from prison but will get out of prison in November, despite behavioural issues, according to reports.

In 2006, Jefferson was sentenced to six and a half years in prison for attacking three women in Falconridge. METRO

Residents rally against ring road

Alberta Transportation hosting open houses throughout February, March ◐ Residents concerned about losing their homes, impact on surrounding parks

Lakeview resident Holly Gibney handed her seven-year-old daughter Hannah a "Save Glenmore Park" T-shirt Monday before attending a rally to stop the proposed ring road.

Below those words, Hannah wrote with a felt pen: "And my house."

"It almost broke my heart," said the mother of three, who was among dozens of residents — adults and children — gathering yesterday and heading to an open house hosted by the province.

The group has vowed to attend all the open-house sessions to ensure residents' voices are heard.

"As a community association, we've been getting increasingly worried about this for about the last year," said Duncan Kent, Lakeview Community Association president.

"Try to visualize for yourself what it would be like if about 20 per cent of the homes in your community got taken out by a major road. It would dramatically change the neighbourhood."

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO



▶ Holly Gibney says she and her husband Michael will move their kids, from left, Seamus, Hannah and Elias from Calgary if the ring road is built and their house is levelled.

Mikaela Johnson, 13, was one of several teens who helped organize the rally.

"We really want to save Glenmore (Park), not only for the people in Lakeview but the people around here," she said. "Glenmore Park is really special, especially for those people who live in Lakeview."

KATIE TURNER

Online efforts

- Residents launched a website on Sunday called saveglenmorepark.com.
- The petition on the site collected more than 250 signatures in 48 hours, according to Holly Gibney.
- Gibney said every signature on the petition sends an email alert to Calgary's aldermen, mayor and the premier's office.



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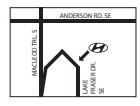
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PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Two more would-be leaders announce

The Alberta Party leadership race is heating up.

Chris Tesarski, president and CEO of Calgary-based Arrow Energy, announced yesterday morning that he will be seeking the party's top job.

"For Alberta to be the best it can be, it is now time to act," Tesarski said in a statement. "There are real solutions, and these solutions come from the people who know the most about the challenges."

Entrepreneur and Vauxhall native Tammy Maloney has also thrown her hat in the ring, promising to "do for Alberta what Mayor Nenshi has done for Calgary," according to a statement on her website. METRO

Security firm fined over alleged sex assault

A judge has fined Calgary-based Grada Canada Security to the tune of $90,000, for failing to ensure the safety of a female security guard who was allegedly raped while on duty at a construction site.

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Police look into SE home invasion

Calgary police are investigating a daytime home invasion in Ogden yesterday.

Police say two armed suspects entered a home on 20A Street SE just after 11 a.m.

One resident inside the home was not injured.

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Local Libyans call for regime change

RYAN FACTURA/FOR METRO



▶ Yousif El Gumati tears a photo of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi yesterday during a rally at city hall organized by members of the local Libyan community.

Suncor Energy has evacuated most of its employees from Libya

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A crowd of about 50 Libyan-Calgarians gathered in front of city hall yesterday at noon, demanding the ouster of Moammar Gadhafi.

Holding graphic posters of wounded protesters, they chanted, "Libya raise your voice. Freedom is our choice."

Yousif El Gumati, one of the organizers, outlined the group's hopes: "We need to bring attention to the genocide. People are being killed."

El Gumati also planned to present a letter to the U.S. consulate here in Calgary, asking that the UN Security Council settle on a plan of action.

Another protester, Walid, a Libyan who has been in Canada for five years now, and who asked that his last name not be used for fear of retaliation against his family in Tripoli, described his life under Gadhafi's rule. "It was terrible. There was no health care, no education, no freedom of speech.

"We will (protest) every day," he vowed.

Tension building

- The death toll in Libya is now estimated at nearly 300.
- Leader Moammar Gadhafi spoke out on Libyan state TV for the first time since the protests began. In his address, Gadhafi refused to resign, called protesters traitors, and said enemies of Libya would be executed, according to reports.

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N.Z. police set curfew

One of the city's tallest buildings, the 27-floor Hotel Grand Chancellor, in imminent danger of collapsing City resembles 'war zone': Resident

Police have announced a nighttime curfew in parts of New Zealand's Christchurch city that were devastated by an earthquake.

Supt. Dave Cliff told reporters that anyone found on the streets in a cordoned-off area of downtown after 6:30 p.m. local time would be arrested.

He says the area is too dangerous because buildings weakened by the temblor, which hit on Tuesday, local time, could by toppled by aftershocks still rumbling through the city.

Officials have urged the city's 350,000 residents to stay home unless absolutely necessary during the initial stage of the emergency.

The 6.3-magnitude quake collapsed buildings, caused extensive other damage and amassed an official death toll — officially at least 75 as of press time — that is almost sure to rise in the coming days.

Officials say at least 100 more people are missing.

Parts of the city of 350,000 people lay in ruins, and all corners of it were suffering cuts to water supplies, power and phones.

"There are bodies littering the streets, they are trapped in cars, crushed under rubble and where they are clearly deceased our focus ... has turned to the living," Supt. Russell Gibson said.

"We are getting texts and tapping sounds from some of these buildings and that's where our focus is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Details

- **Tour guides** at the Tasman Glacier in the Southern Alps say the quake shook some 30 million tons of ice off the glacier, forming icebergs in the lake. The falling ice created waves up to 3.5-metres high, which swept up and down the lake for 30 minutes.
- **Christchurch's** airport was closed for a time, and reopened for emergency flights. Officials said domestic flights would resume today.
- **A more powerful** 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit Christchurch, a city of 350,000, on Sept. 4, but caused no deaths. The U.S. Geological Survey said this quake was an aftershock from September's temblor.
- **New Zealand's** worst earthquake struck in 1931 at Hawke's Bay on the country's North Island, which killed at least 256 people.

Harper offers aid to N.Z.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper offered Canada's help to New Zealand yesterday after a devastating earthquake killed dozens of people.

Harper said all Canadians extend their condolences to those affected, and added that he has a personal connection to the country. His wife, Laureen, lived in Christchurch as a young girl and his family still has friends there that they are trying to contact, Harper said, adding he is making official contact with New Zealand's prime minister to offer assistance.

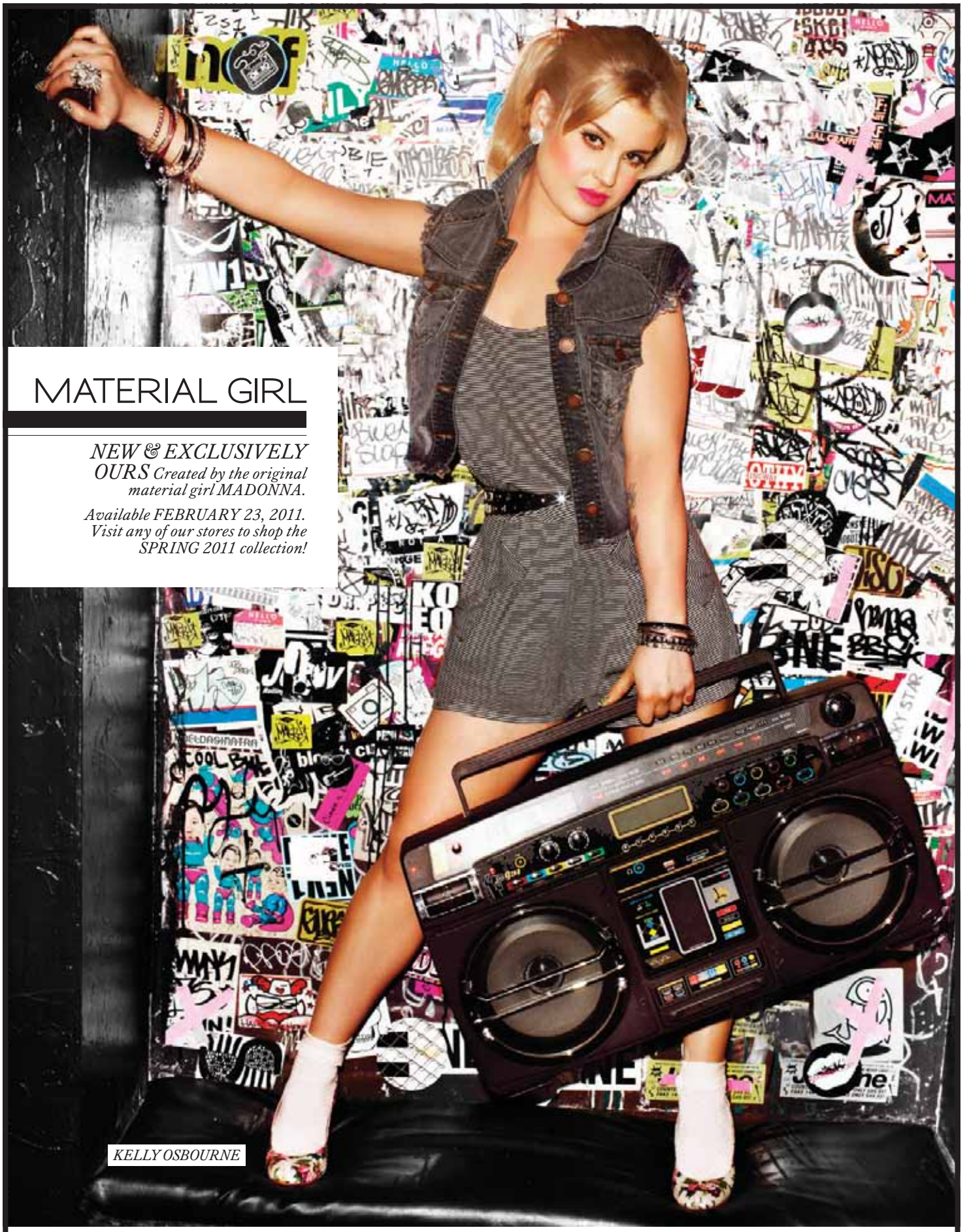
Friends and relatives seeking information on Canadian citizens believed to be in the affected areas have been urged to contact the Foreign Affairs Department. The department said yesterday it had no reports of any Canadians affected by the 6.3-magnitude quake. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Rescue workers at the collapsed Pyne Gould Guinness Building in central Christchurch yesterday.





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Gadhafi calls on supporters, vows to keep fighting

- Eastern cities, oilfields under control of protesters
- Libyan ambassadors abroad reject regime

A defiant Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to his "last drop of blood" yesterday and roared at supporters to strike back against Libyan protesters to defend his embattled regime, signalling an escalation of the crackdown that has thrown the capital into mayhem, with wild shooting and bodies in the streets.

The speech by the Libyan leader — who shouted and pounded his fists on the podium — was an all-out call for his backers to impose control over the capital and take back other cities. After a week of upheaval, protesters backed by defecting army troops have claimed control over almost the entire eastern half of Libya's 1,600-kilometre Mediterranean coast, including several oil-producing areas.

"I am a fighter, a revolutionary ... I will die as a martyr at the end."
MOAMMAR GADHAFI

"You men and women who love Gadhafi ... get out of your homes and fill the streets," he said. "Leave your homes and attack them in their lairs."

Celebratory gunfire by Gadhafi supporters rang out in the capital of Tripoli after the leader's speech, while in protester-held Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, people threw shoes at a screen showing his address, venting their contempt.

State TV showed a crowd of Gadhafi supporters in Tripoli's Green Square, raising his portrait and waving flags as they swayed to music after the address. Residents contacted by the Associated Press said no anti-government protesters ventured out of their homes after dark, and gun-toting guards manned checkpoints with occasional bursts of gunfire heard throughout the city.

International alarm rose over the crisis, which sent crude oil prices soaring to the highest level in more than two years yesterday and sparked a scramble by European and other countries to get their citizens out of the North African nation.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting that ended with a statement condemning the crackdown, expressing "grave concern" and calling for an "immediate end to the violence" and steps to address the legitimate demands of the Libyan people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Infamous Moroccan Ruby has new escort

A camera-happy Austrian says he's booked a young woman linked to the sex scandal engulfing Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi as his companion for the Vienna Opera Ball next week.

Richard Lugner is a 78-year-old construction mogul who is a regular on reality TV and known for his young girlfriends and quirky ways. Every year, he takes a different celebrity to the flashy bash amid much media attention.

Lugner said yesterday he's received a completed contract from Karima el-Mahroug, an 18-year-old nicknamed Ruby, who is at the heart of the Italian scandal.

She replaces actress Bo Derek and two other unnamed celebrities who fell through in recent weeks. Lugner's past dates include Paris Hilton and Nicollette Sheridan. This year's Opera Ball is on March 3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Americans Phyllis Macay and Bob Riggle, who were killed yesterday by Somali pirates.

Pirates kill 4 U.S. hostages

An adventurous quartet of yachters from California and Washington were living their dreams, friends say, retiring and sailing around the world, until they were shot and killed by Somali pirates yesterday.

The yacht's owners, Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey, near Los Angeles, along with Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle, were taken hostage on Friday several hundred kilometres south of Oman.

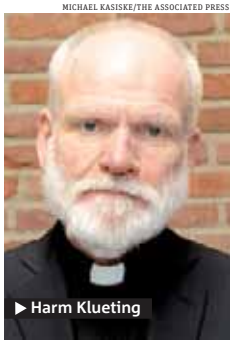
Their deaths mark the first time U.S. citizens have been killed in a wave of pirate attacks plaguing the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean for years.

U.S. naval forces, who were trailing the Americans' captured yacht with four warships, quickly boarded the vessel after hearing gunfire. They tried to provide lifesaving care to the Americans, but they died of their wounds, U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Married man ordained as Catholic priest

In 1950, pope first allowed clergymen who had converted to Catholicism to remain married: Archdiocese

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▶ Harm Klueting

In a rare move that needed the Pope's approval, a Lutheran convert was ordained yesterday as a Catholic priest in Germany and is being allowed to remain married to his wife — who has already become a nun.

Harm Klueting, 61, was ordained by Archbishop Joachim Cardinal Meisner in a private ceremony at the city's seminary, the Cologne archdiocese said.

Pope Benedict XVI gave Klueting special permission to remain married to his wife Edeltraut Klueting, who became a Catholic Carmelite nun in 2004.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi, the Vatican's chief spokesman, said the exception is rare but there have been similar cases.

"It doesn't happen every day," he said.

Klueting and his wife were Lutherans when they married in 1977 and both served as Lutheran clerics before converting to Catholicism several years ago. They have two grown children.

The Cologne archdiocese said in a statement that the couple would not have to take the traditional vow of celibacy as long as they remain married — a highly unusual move since celibacy is normally a key requirement for Catholic priests.

Klueting and his family could not be reached for comment, and it was not clear whether they still live together as a couple.

Lombardi said he didn't have any specific information about the Kluetings, including what the pope said about the case.

Klueting is a professor of historical theology at the University of Cologne and teaches Catholic theology at Fribourg University in Switzerland. From now on, he also will provide services as a spiritual counsellor for university students.

The archdiocese published pictures of the ordination ceremony showing Klueting with short grey hair and a beard, wearing a simple white priest vestment as he received his blessings from Meisner.

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Charges laid after man fires off rounds

RCMP in Alberta say a man who had been drinking fired 15 rounds from a shotgun inside his apartment, but no one called for help.

Two shots were also fired out the kitchen window into a parking lot in Whitecourt.

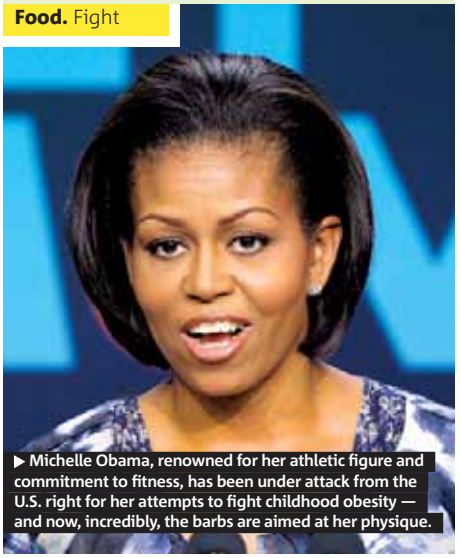
A bleeding man, who claimed he had three guns strapped to his body, eventually walked to the detachment. He was arrested and charged with mischief and careless use of a firearm.

Cody Wayne Hunter-Hooper, 23, was to make a court appearance yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Officers seized eight long-barrel firearms and 3,000 rounds of ammunition from the apartment.

Food. Fight



▶ Michelle Obama, renowned for her athletic figure and commitment to fitness, has been under attack from the U.S. right for her attempts to fight childhood obesity — and now, incredibly, the barbs are aimed at her physique.

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A big fat hypocrite?

Rush Limbaugh, himself overweight, and other conservative commentators have stepped up their attacks on the first lady. Obama, they say, is a hypocrite who isn't following her own advice when it comes to staying healthy, referring to a meal of short ribs that she enjoyed over the weekend on a skiing break in Colorado with her children. The meal, in fact, was a healthy one, consisting of a five-ounce serving of meat braised until most of the fat cooked off. It weighed in at 600 calories, restaurant owner Kelly Liken said.

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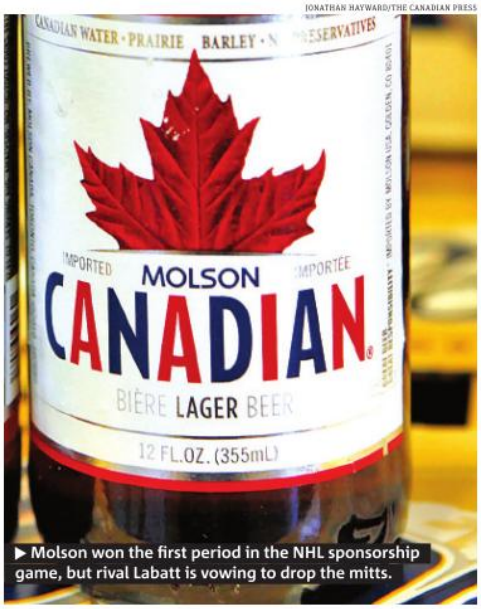
Canadian iVillage to launch

Online site iVillage and Rogers Media will launch a Canadian version of the popular women's website. Rogers says iVillage.ca will offer content from U.S. and U.K. iVillage sites and from Rogers' media sites.

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Legal fight brewing over sponsorship deal

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▶ Molson won the first period in the NHL sponsorship game, but rival Labatt is vowing to drop the mitts.

Molson takes Labatt to the boards as 'official beer' of the NHL

Molson Canadian is set to become the official beer of the NHL — but not if Labatt has anything to say about it.

In a deal announced yesterday, Molson has signed on for what is believed to be the most lucrative sponsorship in league history. Terms of the seven-year deal weren't disclosed, but a source said it came in at slightly more than $375 million US.

The agreement with brewers Molson Coors in Canada and MillerCoors in the U.S. will see the sister companies heavily represented across the NHL calendar starting next season. It also includes money for TV advertising and smaller deals with individual teams.

"Molson Canadian is really synonymous with hockey — it has been for decades — so this is a really nice fit with what the brand is all about," said Dave Perkins, president and CEO of Molson Coors Canada.

"It's a monster deal. (Molson is) going to have major positions across all of our events."
JOHN COLLINS, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, NHL

But Labatt Breweries of Canada, the official beer sponsor of the NHL for more than a decade, said it may consider legal action, insisting Labatt and the NHL had agreed on the terms to renew its sponsorship deal until 2014.

"We have an agreement with the league and are pursuing all legal remedies to enforce this agreement," said Charlie Angelakos, Labatt's vice-president of corporate affairs. "We will pursue this aggressively."

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GASOLINE RALLY?

No price shocks expected at pumps

Canadian gasoline prices will stay high but stable amid political unrest in the oil-rich Middle East, analysts say.

The national average for a litre of regular gas yesterday was $1.13, Gasbuddy.com reports. That's little changed from a month ago, when tension erupted in the Arab world.

The North American supply of crude oil is high, keeping prices stable, said Chris Feltin, an analyst at Macquarie Research in Calgary.

"We shouldn't expect to see a major price shock in the near term," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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By **Jamie Golombek**
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Few things in life are as certain as taxes, but since January 2009 Canadians have had access to a valuable exception: the Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA). A versatile, tax-efficient and flexible savings solution, TFSAs are a great complement to almost any individual's overall financial plan.

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TFSAs are also quick and easy to open. And they're useful to hold in addition to other registered plans, such as RRSPs or Registered Education Saving Plans (RESPs), especially if you've already exceeded your annual contribution limit or the lifetime maximum.

Additionally, there's an added incentive to those who have yet to open a TFSA account to do so now. You now have the opportunity to contribute up to $15,000 for 2011 as your carry-forward amount builds each year.

To take advantage of this tax-saving opportunity, talk to an advisor about how a TFSA could help you reach your financial goals, whether you're looking to save for today's needs or your dream retirement. An advisor can also help you select the options that best align to your personal financial needs from savings accounts and GICs to mutual funds, managed portfolios and brokerage solutions.

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FAMILY HAS BECOME A ROYAL BORE

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Is it just me or is this Kate Middleton/Prince William/Colin Firth edition of the British Royal Family really boring?

Whatever happened to the scandal-ridden good old days of Sarah Ferguson, the "Duchess of Pork," Prince Andrew, Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles, oh my — not to mention Dodi Fayed and the tragic Princess Di?

That stuff was a thrill a minute. Remember when Charles was caught imagining himself as a tampon in Camilla's "trousers?" A sublime combination of titillating and disgusting — those were the days.

Now, all of a sudden, Britain's foremost dysfunctional family is getting a radical makeover. William and Kate are perfect, well-behaved and beautiful. Neither has been caught getting his or her toes sucked, having an affair with a dashing cavalry major or offering "access" to Prince Andrew for the equivalent of $720,000.

And adding insult to injury, the latest English stuffed-costume drama, The King's Speech, turns George VI's speech impediment into an adventure worthy of the quest for the Holy Grail, starring Firth. It manages to redeem the entire Royal Family by elevating the good son, Albert, over the bad son, Edward. And, of course, Albert — George VI — was Queen Elizabeth's father. Good breeding and all that.

For years, good Queen Bess used to stomp around this or that royal pile with the corgis, grumbling about her wayward children. But now, in her dotage, the next generation has come off the bench and saved the day. Hooray for England!

Bah.

Still, we who thirst for royal scandals can "keep our peckers up," as my English grandmother used to say to a chorus of stifled guffaws. Prince Charles and his *Camilla horribilis* refuse to go away. He still wants awfully to be king even though the entire known universe prefers Wills and Kate.

And then there's Harry, William's kid brother, a real scandal looking for a place to erupt. Even though he's still younger than 30, he has managed to offend … everyone. Referring to a Pakistani commander as a "raghead," smoking marijuana and getting into a fight with a photographer outside a nightclub — all good. But he displayed world-class bad taste when he turned up at a party in Nazi brownshirt regalia, evoking memories of his great grand-uncle Edward's fondness for Hitler and his legendary capacity for making the trains run on time.

For now, though, someone has got Harry, Fergie, Andy, Charles and Camilla, etc., on a short leash, and Kate and Wills and honorary Windsor Colin are having their moment in the spotlight.

As they used to say in the tea commercials: Pity.

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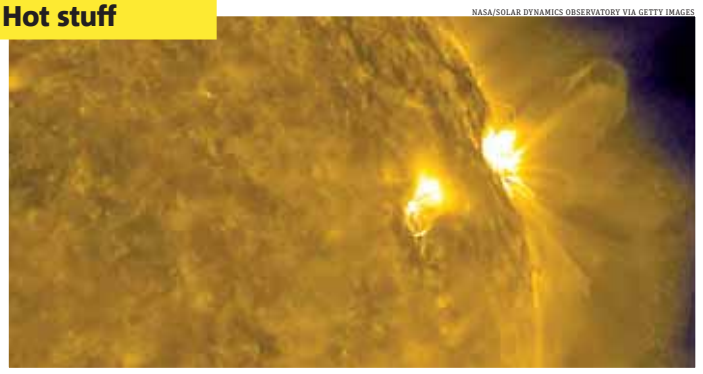


Sunscreen won't block this

Worth mentioning

Hot stuff

NASA/SOLAR DYNAMICS OBSERVATORY VIA GETTY IMAGES



Leading scientists are warning that a massive solar storm could trigger a $2-trillion "global Katrina" that short-circuits power grids worldwide.

"Power grids, air traffic control systems and intelligent transport systems need to be looked at," Stephan Lechner, director of the European Commission Institute for Protection and Security of the Citizen, told a weekend meeting.

"This is not a matter of if, it is simply a matter of when and how big," said Jane Lubchenco, head of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"There will be space weather storms that are more frequent and more powerful," NOAA space scientist Joseph Kunches told the Toronto Star yesterday. "We're entering a new solar season."

Just what will be hit and how is part of what scientists are debating.

Powerful solar flares ignite a geomagnetic storm that can shoot direct currents into the power grid, Kunches explained. The domino effect could cripple transformers and special equipment that could take months or years to replace, he said.

Power grids operate with expensive, "not-off-the-shelf" machinery. Hence, the $2-trillion price tag.

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'slow money' talk

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▶ Woody Tasch's message of "slow money" has earned rave reviews from numerous media outlets worldwide.

In a world where money changes hands in the blink of an eye, humanity's most pressing problems are often ignored or overlooked, suggests a speaker in town this evening.

Woody Tasch will be at the Calgary Public Library Central Branch from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. preaching his message of "slow money."

By slowing down the pursuit of profit, Tasch argues, we can reshape our local economy and establish communities and businesses that address the most pressing social and environmental struggles plaguing the planet.

Tickets to Tasch's presentation are $10 in advance or $12 at the door. For more information, visit greencalgary.org. METRO

Oscars: munchies and mixes

Metro's entertainment staff cooks up some apps and aperitifs for hours of speeches from the kings and queens of the acting world ◗ Punch up an award-winning night with themes

	PARTY THEME	THE MUNCHIES	THE MIX
 The Fighter	Want to score a TKO? Transform your Oscar party into a boxing ring — complete with robes and gloves. A punching bag may help the frustration if your film doesn't win.	Some piping hot clam chowder is the perfect fit. For dessert: Boston Cream Pie. If your guests are still puckish, try some Knuckle Sandwiches.	Beer is the drink of choice. Try serving up some cold Samuel Adams — named after one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.
 The King's Speech	Drape your castle in some Union Jack-themed bunting. Give each of your guests a microphone so they can make their own acceptance speeches.	At one point in the film, the future king was forced to place marbles in his mouth. We have a tastier option: crumpets, scones and cucumber sandwiches — without the crusts.	For the teetotalers, we suggest a good brew, like Earl Grey. For those who want something a little stronger, try a gin and tonic or a good whiskey.
 True Grit	This film may be a Western, but there's no need to keep things traditional. Forego the hay bales, but provide your guests with cowboy hats and fake sheriffs' badges.	We recommend bison burgers to keep your guests well fed. Trail mix will satisfy their hunger as the awards show drags on longer then expected.	Spoiler alert! Serve up Snakebites made from equal parts of lager and cider with a dash of blackcurrent cordial.
 Toy Story 3	Have your guests show up with their favourite toy or stuffed animal. Place toy soldiers strategically around the room to add a bit of whimsy.	Serve peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with a side of animal crackers or Gummi Bears.	Jell-o shots are a great way to bring out the kid in any adult. Alternatively, serve glasses of cold milk — well, a White Russian — or juice boxes spiked with vodka.
 127 Hours	Drop by your local Mountain Equipment Co-op and pick up some climbing ropes you can hang from your ceiling.	Power bars will keep your guests' energy levels up as the lengthy broadcast plays out.	Give everyone a water bottle filled with their favourite spirits. They can also sip on Orange Gatorade — that James Franco craves in the film.

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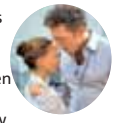
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Have your guests arrive dressed like Sigmund Freud and spend the commercial breaks analyzing each other's dreams.



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THE KID'S ARE ALRIGHT

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Stolen Gossip



A Spanish photo agency says coveted shots of Shakira holding hands with Barcelona football player Gerard Pique circulating on the Internet were stolen by a computer hacker.

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Type in "visitor from hell" on Google and you get about 12,900,000 results in 0.17 seconds. There are ghost stories, a site for a traditional Irish band called Visitor from Hell and stories about unpleasant house guests, but I was more interested in actual visitors from hell. Celluloid demons, tortured souls and devilish characters that somehow manage to slink back from the depths of movie hell to visit us here on Earth.

Nicolas Cage, who emerged from hell in 2004s Ghost Rider, comes back from the depths for the second time this weekend in a movie called Drive Angry, playing a dearly departed father back on this mortal coil to avenge the death of his daughter. According to that movie hellions rarely escape and return to Earth, but a quick look at other hellhound films reveals a different truth.



▶ Nicolas Cage, who starred in Ghost Rider, returns this weekend in another demon-inspired flick called Drive Angry.

Lots of actors have played earthbound versions of Satan. In The Private Lives of Adam and Eve, Mickey Rooney played Old Scratch as a piano playing jokester in red long johns and a straw hat with horns. Tim Curry played the Devil on TV in an episode of Dinosaurs called Life in the Faust Lane and years before he became an Academy Award winning composer. Danny Elfman did a strange Cab Calloway impression of Satan in the very odd film Forbidden Zone, but the most diabolically playful Devil to hit the big screen has to be Jack Nicholson as Daryl Van Horne in The Witches of Eastwick. As a mysterious character who grants wishes to three excitement hungry widows, Nicholson made the wicked character unforgettable, but he wasn't the first choice for the role. That was Bill Murray.

Probably the most famous representation of hell on Earth came in the form of one of the devil's underlings, Pazuzu, who inhabited the body of poor little Regan (Linda Blair) in The Exorcist. The images of Blair spitting pea soup and doing a 360 head spin have become the film standard for possession.

Not all of hell's citizens are out to do us harm, however. Director Guillermo Del Toro turned his favourite comic book into two fiendishly fun action movies — Hellboy and Hellboy 2: The Golden Army —starring Ron Perlman as the World's Greatest Paranormal Investigator, a red skinned demon named Hellboy who helps mankind by bumping back against the things that go bump in the night.



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Cyrus furious over father's comments

Miley said to be finished defending her dad's bashing of family problems

Miley Cyrus is putting a leash on her dad, Billy Ray Cyrus, as his media blitz escalates.

"When Miley found out her father was scheduled to appear on The View on Wednesday she went nuts," a source tells Popeater.

"Only last week, Billy shot his mouth off in GQ, and now he planned to sit down with (Barbara and Whoopi) and talk more crap about his family. No way would Miley or her team let that happen."

Billy Ray has used previous interviews to compare his daughter to Anna Nicole Smith and blame Disney and Hannah Montana for destroying his family.

"At first Miley defended her dad, wanting to believe he had been tricked into saying bad things by the magazine," another source says. "But after she found out about his media trip to New York, no more excuses could be made."

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"After she found out about his media trip... no more excuses could be made"
SOURCE

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▶ Miley Cyrus is said to be furious over her father's latest comments.

Talking points

Lohan gets back on track

PEOPLE. Lindsay Lohan has landed her first post-rehab role, starring as a private investigator in the new film Escaping the Game, according to Hollyscoop.

And while Lohan has been a liability for some productions in the past few years, her new bosses aren't worried.

"We can get her insured if she is with someone who is keeping an eye on her 24-7. Lindsay and I've discussed it and she's already agreed to the condition," producer Nathan Folks says.

"She's doing great and we're going to prove to the world that she's back." METRO

Rihanna after Colin Ferrell?

RELATIONSHIPS. Rihanna has reportedly been sending Colin Farrell flirtatious text messages ever since the pair met as guests of Britain's the Graham Norton Show around Christmas, according to the Sun.

And Farrell isn't necessarily complaining.

"Colin was taken aback by some of the texts," a source says. "He reckons he might well be in there. They're both single, so why not?" METRO



Celebrity tweets



Russell Brand [@rusty-rockets] I notice The Simpsons pierced my nipples, this was never discussed- is this a human rights issue? (I'm a human)



James Franco [@james-franco] Hi everybody, here I am on Twitter! This is my FIRST tweet...



Steve Martin [@SteveMartinToGo] Through Oscar High Holy Week, I will be tweeting the traditions of our religion. METRO

Sheen hiding his new girlfriend?

Charlie Sheen was spotted back at work for the first time earlier this week, though he was only on the Two and a Half Men set for four hours before returning home, according to X17 Online.

Sheen was accompanied by a new blonde girlfriend, but he's working to keep her identity a secret.

When asked by photographers for her name, he politely responded, "None of your f---ing business." METRO



▶ Charlie Sheen

Lainey's Oscar file

BEST ACTRESS: NATALIE PORTMAN

Winter's Bone

Portman is one of the few celebrities who can boast of a very low Erdos-Bacon score which calculates the "collaborate distance" of a person in relation to Hungarian mathematician Paul Erdos and actor Kevin Bacon. She starred with Bacon in New York, I Love You, and co-authored a psychology paper while at Harvard.

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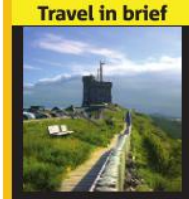


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Travel in brief



Newfoundland and Labrador says more than 518,000 people visited the province last year. The government says it's the first time more than 500,000 people have visited the province and it pegs the value of the visits at $400 million. It says since 2003, the province has more than doubled its annual spending on tourism marketing, from $6 million to $13 million.
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China's terracotta soldiers occupy Montreal fine arts museum in final show

Best known as a top spot for spring break, South Padre Island has plenty of options to keep visitors active ◆ Great beaches go along with some of the best water sports around

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Texas' tropical hidden gem: South Padre

South Padre Island is famous as a spring break destination, with concerts, bikini contests and plenty of partying by the college kids who flock here by the tens of thousands throughout March. But South Padre isn't just beaches, bars and dance parties. It's also home to a major watersports scene, with year-round surfing, kiteboarding, windsurfing and other activities.

South Padre sits on the south end of the 55-kilometre-long Padre Island, which is the longest barrier island in the world. On the ocean side of the narrow strip the island is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, while three blocks to the west, the bay side sits on Laguna Madre Bay. South Padre Island has a small year-round population, about 5,000, but spring break and summer vacations bring a million tourists a year. March is the busiest month after the summer months, with massive events like the Coca Cola Spring Break party at the Isla Grand Beach Resort attracting crowds of 12,000 to 18,000 college students daily for much of March.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU



▶ Windsurfing off the coast of South Padre Island.

But even spring-breakers will find plenty to do here aside from partying and lying on the beach: deep-sea fishing, parasailing, golfing, horseback riding, banana boat rides. For nature-lovers, there are more than 300 species of birds, a turtle rescue centre that offers tours and boat rides to see dolphins.

A steady airstream in spring and fall make Laguna Madre Bay a popular place for activities that rely on wind, like kiteboarding and windsurfing. Except for a narrow shipping channel, the water is just one to 1.2 metres deep from the island most of the way across to Port Isabel on the mainland several kilometres away. The shallow, calm water on the bay side makes it easy for watersport beginners to right themselves. Waves provide more of a challenge on the Gulf side for surfers and boarders with more experience. In March, water temperatures range from 16 to 20 C, with air temperatures from 21 to 30 C. Full wetsuits aren't usually needed, though some spring breakers may pair a wetsuit shirt with bikini bottoms or shorts.

Dave Nowak, co-owner of Island Native and an avid surfer, has been in South Padre since 1980. He says he's lived in many other places, including California, but prefers the friendly, laid back surf community here.

The surf is plenty intimidating, but surfers in the water, ranging in age from 14 to 60, laugh and joke around, while shouting free pointers to newcomers.

If surfing isn't your thing try kiteboarding. It's a mash-up of windsurfing, snowboarding and hanggliding, with your feet strapped to a board, and your torso harnessed to a giant kite as you hang onto a trapeze-like bar attached to the kite. For safety reasons, the beach is split between kiteboarders and windsurfers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If You Go...

- **Getting There:** There are two airports nearby: Valley International Airport in Harlingen, about 70 kilometres away, and Brownsville-South Padre Island International Airport, 42 kilometres away. Most flights routed through Dallas, San Antonio or Houston.
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Explore the wonders of Fort Lauderdale

Think the Greater Fort Lauderdale area is just for sunning seniors and spring breakers? No way. Whether you're there post- or pre-cruise, or on an extended visit, there is lots to do in the land of yachts, beaches and year-round tans.

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On the web

For more on Greater Fort Lauderdale, visit sunny.org

WHERE TO PLAY

Get a better look at Greater Fort Lauderdale's natural beauty with a sea-level tour of the mangrove swamps. The Blue Moon Kayak Co. offers eco-tours of John U. Lloyd State Park — home to sting rays and the Florida manatee. Paddle through the water of Whiskey Creek in Dania Beach while learning about the sea marshes. bluemoonmiami.com

WHAT TO SEE

Located just off the appropriately-named Alligator Alley, Billie Swamp Safari on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation gets you in touch with the wilder side of Florida. Experience the Everglades firsthand on an airboat ride through the alligator-filled swamp, or travel on one of Billie's swamp buggies through an animal reserve featuring native and exotic animals — Ostrich: Yes. Florida panther: If you're lucky.

WHERE TO EAT

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Travelling alone can be hard, but it gets easier

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I've been travelling solo for 23 years and I absolutely love it. But it wasn't always like this.

I remember my first solo journey to Europe. It was just after my divorce and I couldn't stop crying. No, it wasn't simply because my heart was broken. I know now that my sadness was all about being totally alone, without a support system.

Since that time I've worked on learning the art of solo travel. Though I still feel alone when I travel, I know that's natural because I am alone. Now I enrol in classes along the way, seek out restaurants with communal tables or use my solitude to relax and just be me.

The difference between that first solo journey and now is that I have acquired the experience and the skills that help me to deal with the 'aloneness' and to reach out for company when I need it.

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Shorty Awards

Finalist. Evelyn Hannon, @Journeywoman, was recently named a finalist for the Shorty Awards, (billed as Oscars of Twitter) in the category of travel. shortyawards.com









Tickle the littlest taste buds

This recipe is great for making — and sharing — with your small helpers Kids will love creating these fajitas

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Tex mex food is an all-time kids' favorite. These fajitas are creamy and rich tasting, but don't contain the fat of regular fajitas. My version has plenty of vegetables, along with light cheese and sour cream.

ROSE REISMAN



▶ You can prep the filling for these Chicken Fajitas a day in advance and store it in the fridge.

Ingredients:

- 8 oz skinless boneless chicken breasts
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups sliced onion
- 1 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1 1/2 cups red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley or cilantro
- 3 tbsp chopped green onions
- 6 small (6-inch) flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup shredded light cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup medium salsa
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.
2. Lightly coat a non-stick skillet with cooking spray and place over medium-high heat. Cook chicken for about 8 minutes or until cooked and no longer pink. Let rest for 10 minutes; slice thinly. Wipe out pan.
3. Add oil to pan and brown onion and garlic, about 4 minutes. Reduce heat to medium. Stir in red pepper strips and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Stir in parsley or cilantro, green onions and cooked chicken.
4. Divide the mixture among the tortillas. Top with the cheese, salsa and sour cream. Roll up.
5. Place fajitas on the prepared baking sheet. Bake in the centre of the oven for 5 minutes or until the fajitas are heated through and the cheese has melted. Cut in half and serve immediately.

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Do contracts really matter or are they irrelevant? In the often confusing world of workplace law, why are some agreements upheld, when many others are simply overlooked?

The answer depends on the purpose that the contract is meant to serve.

Independent contractor agreements: It usually will not matter that workers have signed agreements confirming that they are not employees.

When this characterization is challenged, sometimes years later, courts and tribunals are apt to find the workers were truly employees. No surprise there. The real test is not what a contract says but how the parties behave.

"The virtuous man is never a novice in worldly things."
MARCUS VALERIUS MATRIALIS

Post-employment restrictions: Many contracts contain broad restrictions preventing workers from competing with their former employers or soliciting their old clients following their departure. Courts easily strike many of these "agreements" down.

This is because employers often take a kitchen sink approach to drafting employment contracts. They bargain for excessive protection, no matter how junior or administrative the employee. However, in seeking such protection, they sometimes get none at all.

Policy manuals: In one recent case, the employer argued that since the employee had not reported harassment as she was required to under the company's policy manual, the company could not take any steps to address it.

As a result, it argued, it was the employee who had breached the employment relationship, not the harasser. The court easily dismissed this notion. Although terms in a policy manual can sometimes operate as conditions of an employee's job, those terms must be reasonable or they will not be upheld.

Termination clauses: Similarly, contractual language surrounding termination is often challenged.

This is because even without a contract, there is an implied right to reasonable treatment upon termination. Why would anyone agree to anything less? Seldom do employees negotiate contracts on the same footing as their employer. Therefore, courts have developed a number of tests. If the contract is ambiguous, fails to respect statutory standards or is executed under duress, it will be set aside.



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Resumé wrong-turns

Skip the PDFs and the Word documents, and always remember to prioritize projects over poetry

The look, feel and font of the day's standard resumé has changed as frequently as the screens we peruse them on, and yet "people are still making the same resumé mistakes they've always been making," bemoans Blue Skies Resumé President Louise Fletcher.

"The number one problem people have," she explains, "is what they think their resumé is. They approach it as a place to list every company they've worked at, when actually they should think of it as an advertisement or a promotional piece."

"Not being concise enough is a huge problem," concurs certified resumé writer Laura Smith-Proulx.

And not just because you could over-share your way out of an interview.

"If you have every job you've had on there since 1979," she warns, "you're opening yourself up to age bias."

In the new millennium of buzzing smart phones and insta-resumé scanners, there's only one form of discrimination worse than age bias – pdf bias.

"Never send a Word or pdf copy unless it's specifically requested," cautions Margaret Riley Dikel, author of the Guide to Internet Job Searching.

Assume, she counters, that the bigwig making the company hires is breezing through the company inbox on a BlackBerry. "Take your Word doc and convert it into the body of your e-mail," she advises.

Show Your Math

Unless you're angling for a stint as a professional cliché writer, don't bother thesaurus-digging for synonyms for "self-motivated," or "forward-thinking."

When it comes to speed-reading résumés, Proulx notes, the powers-that-hire want to see math, not language arts.

"Use metrics to back up what you've done," she says. "If you worked on a great project, tell me what you did."

"Most people," Laura Smith-Proulx adds, "just don't back up and see what they can really do for an employer."

No to clones

If the want ad asks for a .doc résumé, or if you're swapping résumés in the flesh, make sure your résumé doesn't have a long lost twin.

"If you use that Microsoft Word template, not only will your look-a-like resumé have tables which are hard for resumé scanning data systems to read, it will also, from a presentation standpoint, reduce you to appearing like every other candidate," Proulx stresses.

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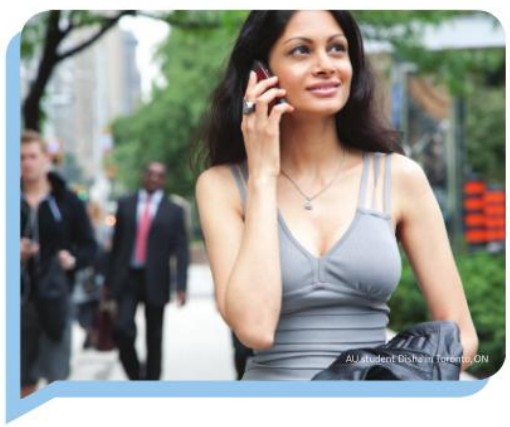
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It pays to protect planet Earth

Secondary school students enjoying a new $50,000 computer lab thanks to their eco-friendly efforts

Students at Dover Bay Secondary School in Nanaimo, B.C. are celebrating their achievement in environmental responsibility with the installation of a $50,000 computer lab, the grand prize in a nationwide Staples Canada essay contest.

Last year every publicly funded elementary, middle and secondary school in Canada was invited to submit a 500-word essay for the Recycle For Education Computer Lab Contest, hosted by Staples Canada. Judges were looking for creativity, scope, and the steps taken to make the school more eco-responsible with measurable results.

"Providing the results was important and so was the genuine school spirit when it came to energy savings, recycling, and environmental protection," says Staples Canada president, Steve Matyas. "Best practises included activities like collecting rain water, changing to lower wattage fluorescent bulbs, or planting a garden to grow food for cafeteria meals.

In addition to Dover Bay, the four other finalists were: W.C. Miller Collegiate in Altona, Manitoba (2nd place); Heritage Park Secondary, Mission, B.C. (3rd place); L'école secondaire publique Gisèle–Lalonde, Orleans, Ontario (4th place); L'école secondaire Cardinal–Roy, Quebec City, Quebec (5th place).

"It was inspiring to read all the essays and learn what young people are doing to protect the environment," continued Matyas.

"To have people as young as six years old (and potentially younger) think positively about protecting our earth is such a special quality to have – and we are thrilled to recognize this act of hard work."

Dover Bay claimed the grand prize computer lab for such initiatives as starting an environment club, performing a waste vs. recycling audit, and participating in environmental competitions.

Staples' does set the bar high when it comes to both educational support and environmental responsibility. Every Staples location across Canada, accepts empty ink and toner cartridges for recycling, as well as cellphones and batteries. Some stores also run a service for unloading outdated electronic equipment and everywhere at Staples, the shelves are stocked with hundreds of eco-responsible products. More information is available online at staples.ca/recycleforeducation.

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▶ Tim Thomas trips over the net in front of Niklas Hagman last night.

Flames just two points up on a pack of teams in West playoff hunt

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Milan Lucic scored twice and Tim Thomas made 28 saves last night as the Boston Bruins cooled off the Calgary Flames with a 3-1 victory.

Brad Marchand had the other goal for the Bruins, while Curtis Glencross replied for the Flames.

Marchand made it 2-0 for Boston at 5:55 of the third period. Flames netminder Miikka Kiprusoff kicked out Patrice Bergeron's shot from the wing straight to Marchand, who buried his 19th goal into the open net.

After Glencross broke Thomas's shutout bid at 17:27 off a nice pass from Jarome Iginla on a power play, Lucic clinched the game into an empty net in the final minute.

Thomas was playing for the first time in a week after getting a two-game rest from Bruins coach Claude Julien. The 36-year-old netminder came into the contest having lost consecutive games for the first time on the season, giving up eight goals.

Against the surging Flames, who entered the game a sizzling 11-1-2 in their past 14, Thomas was back in the form that has him ranked No. 1 in the league in goals-against average (2.02) and save percentage (.938).

Boston (34-19-7) opened the scoring less than a minute into the game on a pretty setup from David Krejci.

Skating down the wing, Krejci faked a slapshot and sent a hard pass across the slot to Lucic, who neatly steered his 25th goal behind Kiprusoff before bowling over the Flames goaltender.

Calgary (31-23-8) lost in regulation at home for the first time in 10 games (7-1-2).

Glencross's goal extends his points streak to eight games (seven goals, five assists). Kiprusoff finished with 26 saves.

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"Every team needs a 1, 1A punch. And so with the ways that we both can score .... we're very versatile, so it's hard to guard us."

KNICKS FORWARD AMARE STOUDEMIRE ON HIS TEAM'S TRADE FOR CARMELO ANTHONY, WHICH WAS COMPLETED LAST NIGHT.

Opinion

BRIAN COSTELLO
THE HOCKEY NEWS



FUTURE FLAMES BARELY GET PASSING GRADE

There's a growing misconception out there that Calgary's development system, long a weak link of deposed GM Darryl Sutter's reign, is getting deeper and stronger.

That's not the case according to a recent study we did at The Hockey News. In our annual Future Watch issue, which is due out in early March, we canvassed a panel of NHL scouts, directors of player personnel and GMs to get their assessment of the top drafted prospects in the game, and to grade each team's crop of talent.

The Flames came in at No. 27 this year, after finishing 23rd in 2010, 26th in 2009 and 25th in 2008. In defence of Calgary's spotty rating, the Flames have an average draft rank of 25th in the league the past four years. In other words, 24 teams drafted higher than Calgary since 2007.

Each of the 18 scouting executives on our panel evaluated every team's top 10 list of prospects and 21-and-under NHLers (Mikael Backlund for Calgary) and issued a grade. The Flames symbolically had a C. Provincial rival Edmonton topped the grade with an A grade, due mainly to four 21-and-under NHLers — Taylor Hall, Sam Gagner, Jordan Eberle and Magnus Paajarvi.

Bright lights on Calgary's list were defencemen Tim Erixon from Sweden and T.J. Brodie from Abbotsford. Erixon, the 23rd overall draft pick in 2009, ranked No. 15 on our top-75 list of prospects, while Brodie was 69th. Erixon moved up significantly from the No. 31 spot in Future Watch 2010. Backlund, by the way, was No. 25 in Future Watch last year.

Dropping off the top-75 list was 2008 first-rounder Greg Nemisz. The Abbotsford centre was No. 69 last year and a projected No. 2 centre for the Flames. Now it looks as though his upside is as a third-line grinder with some skating issues.

The anticipation was Chilliwack super-scorer Ryan Howse would crack the top 75, but he got only one top-50 vote from our 18-member panel and is ranked as Calgary's No. 4 prospect. Leland Irving, Calgary's first-rounder from 2006, is No. 5.

Rounding out the Flames' top 10 in order are Abbotsford centre Lance Bouma, Wisconsin defenceman John Ramage, Abbotsford centre Mitch Wahl, Finnish goalie Joni Ortio and Abbotsford defenceman Matt Pelech.

The top-10 lists (and top-75 rankings) are based on long-term upside in the NHL (five to 10 years). The Flames have some interesting names on their list, but still don't measure up to the prospect lists of most of their NHL rivals.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	60	39	15	3	3	198	152	84	19-8-1-2	20-7-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Tampa Bay	59	34	18	3	4	179	185	75	19-7-1-3	15-11-2-1	5-3-0-2	L3
d-Boston	60	34	19	2	5	188	145	75	15-12-1-2	19-7-1-3	5-5-0-0	W3
Pittsburgh	61	36	20	2	3	178	147	77	20-11-1-0	16-9-1-3	4-5-0-1	L2
Washington	61	32	19	5	5	165	153	74	17-7-2-5	15-12-3-0	5-4-0-1	W2
Montreal	60	31	22	4	3	154	154	69	19-7-3-3	12-15-1-0	4-4-0-2	L3
NY Rangers	62	32	26	2	2	172	155	68	14-14-1-2	18-12-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	61	28	24	4	5	177	188	65	15-10-1-2	13-14-3-3	3-4-2-1	L2
Buffalo	58	27	25	6	0	166	171	60	12-15-2-0	15-10-4-0	5-4-1-0	L3
Atlanta	60	25	25	4	6	173	197	60	13-12-1-4	12-13-3-2	2-7-1-0	L3
Toronto	60	26	27	3	4	152	180	59	14-11-3-3	12-16-0-1	6-2-1-1	W1
Florida	59	25	27	3	4	155	163	57	12-11-3-3	13-16-0-1	3-5-1-1	L1
New Jersey	60	26	30	3	1	129	161	56	13-13-2-1	13-17-0-1	9-0-1-0	W8
NY Islanders	61	23	31	3	4	167	198	53	12-14-1-3	11-17-2-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Ottawa	59	19	31	5	4	132	194	47	9-16-2-3	10-15-3-1	2-6-1-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	60	38	13	4	5	202	142	85	21-4-1-4	17-9-3-1	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Detroit	60	37	17	4	2	202	173	80	17-9-3-1	20-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	L1
d-Phoenix	61	33	19	6	3	175	169	75	15-10-3-2	18-9-3-1	8-2-0-0	W8
San Jose	61	34	21	4	2	171	157	74	15-10-2-1	19-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	W4
Minnesota	60	32	22	1	5	158	156	70	16-12-0-3	16-10-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1
Nashville	60	31	21	5	3	156	143	70	14-6-4-3	17-15-1-0	4-4-1-1	L2
Calgary	62	31	23	3	5	186	178	70	18-10-1-2	13-13-2-3	6-2-1-1	L1
Los Angeles	59	32	23	2	2	163	142	68	17-9-1-0	15-14-1-2	6-1-1-2	L2
Anaheim	60	32	24	2	2	169	178	68	17-9-0-1	15-15-2-1	6-4-0-0	L3
Chicago	60	31	23	2	4	191	169	68	18-14-0-0	13-9-3-3	5-3-0-2	W2
Dallas	60	31	23	2	4	164	172	68	17-9-2-3	14-14-0-1	1-8-1-0	L5
Columbus	59	30	23	3	3	163	175	66	15-13-0-2	15-10-3-1	6-3-0-1	W2
St. Louis	59	27	23	4	5	166	176	63	18-10-1-3	9-13-3-2	5-3-1-1	L2
Colorado	60	26	27	7	0	177	205	59	14-14-4-0	12-13-3-0	1-8-1-0	W1
Edmonton	60	19	33	1	7	151	202	46	10-17-1-3	9-16-1-3	4-6-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 2 N.Y. Islanders 1
Phoenix 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 4 Carolina 3 (SO)
San Jose 4 Detroit 3
Columbus 4 Nashville 0
Minnesota 4 Edmonton 1
Colorado 4 St. Louis 3
New Jersey 1 Dallas 0
Boston 3 Calgary 1
Montreal at Vancouver
Monday's results
Chicago 5 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Islanders 5 Florida 1
Washington 1 Pittsburgh 0
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Atlanta at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

WILD 4, OILERS 1

First Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Chorney Edm (cross-checking) 0:16, Cogliano Edm (tripping) 4:55, Barker Min (tripping) 11:48, Stoner Min (tripping) 14:14.
Second Period
1. Minnesota, Havlat 19 (Zanon, Stoner) 9:23
2. Edmonton, Foster 4 (Omark, Gagner) 17:37
Penalty — Brunette Min (slashing) 5:55.
Third Period
3. Minnesota, Brodziak 13 (Schultz, Bouchard) 1:28
4. Minnesota, Spurgeon 1 (Zidlicky, Bouchard) 6:33 (pp)
5. Minnesota, Bouchard 6 (Clutterbuck, Madden) 14:33
Penalties — Peckham Edm (holding) 5:26, Jacques Edm (high-sticking) 10:07, Burns Min (holding) 11:39, Zidlicky Min (holding) 12:09, Jacques Edm (roughing, misconduct), Staubitz Min (charging, misconduct), Minnesota bench (unsportsmanlike conduct; served by Bouchard) 15:17.
Shots

Edmonton	8	7	6—21
Minnesota	5	7	11—23

Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,10-26-2); Minnesota: Backstrom (W,20-13-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-6; Minnesota: 1-4.
Att. — 17,321 (18,064) at St. Paul, Minn.

BRUINS 3, FLAMES 1

First Period
1. Boston, Lucic 25 (Krejci, McQuaid) 0:59
Penalty — Ryder Bos (hooking) 2:30.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — Glencross Cal (double high-sticking) 17:34.
Third Period
2. Boston, Marchand 19 (Bergeron, Ference) 5:55
3. Calgary, Glencross 20 (Iginla, Tanguay) 17:27 (pp)
4. Boston, Lucic 26 (Krejci, Recchi) 19:13 (en)
Penalty — Bergeron Bos (slashing) 16:56.
Shots

Boston	7	10	12—29
Calgary	13	9	7—29

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,27-8-6); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,27-20-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-2; Calgary: 1-2.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	45	77
Stamkos, TB	40	35	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	14	58	72
St. Louis, TB	20	49	69
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Perry, Ana	30	36	66
Zetterberg, Det	17	48	65
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Ovechkin, Wash	24	38	62
E.Staal, Car	27	31	58
Iginla, Cal	25	32	57
Kesler, Vcr	33	23	56
Toews, Chi	20	35	55
Eriksson, Dal	19	36	55
Selanne, Ana	19	36	55
Kopitar, LA	17	38	55
Sharp, Chi	31	23	54
Giroux, Pha	20	34	54
Nash, Clb	27	26	53
Backstrom, Wash	15	38	53
J.Carter, Pha	27	25	52
Tavares, NYI	23	29	52
P.Kane, Chi	20	31	51
Yandle, Phx	10	41	51
Briere, Pha	28	22	50

Not including last night's games

GAMES

CANADA GAMES

MEDAL STANDINGS

At Halifax

Province	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Quebec	30	28	20	78
Ontario	18	15	16	49
B.C.	15	17	16	48
Alberta	14	12	18	44
Saskatchewan	4	3	3	10
Manitoba	3	2	4	9
N.B.	0	3	3	6
N.L.	0	1	4	5
Yukon	3	0	1	4
Nova Scotia	1	0	1	2
P.E.I.	1	0	0	1
N.W.T.	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Second Round
ROUND OF 16
First Leg
Yesterday's results
Copenhagen (Denmark) 0 Chelsea (England) 2
Lyon (France) 1 Real Madrid (Spain) 1

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
Blackpool 3 Tottenham 1

TENNIS

WTA QATAR LADIES OPEN

At Doha, Qatar
Singles
First Round
Jelena Jankovic (5), Serbia, def. Fatma Al Nabhani, Oman, 6-1, 6-3.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Victoria Azarenka (6), Belarus, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Shahar Peer (8), Israel, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-2, 6-2.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, 6-3, 6-2.
Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (1).
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Jarmila Groth, Australia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8).
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Sania Mirza, India, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-2, 7-5.

ATP DELRAY BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Delray Beach, Fla.
Singles
First Round
Mardy Fish (2), U.S., def. Bjorn Phau, Germany, 5-0, retired.
Kevin Anderson (5), South Africa, def. Donald Young, U.S., 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Janko Tipsarevic (6), Serbia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-6 (14), 7-6 (1).
Kei Nishikori, Japan, def. Brian Dabul, Argentina, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Michal Przysiezny, Poland, 6-1, 6-4.
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Ryan Sweeting, U.S., def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-2, 6-3.
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-1, 2-0, retired.
Doubles
First Round
Matthew Ebden and Sam Groth, Australiam, def. James Cerretani, U.S., and **Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont.**, 6-3, 6-4.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Blake Wood, C Manny Pina, INF Jeff Bianchi, OF Lorenzo Cain and OF Jarrod Dyson on one-year contracts.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Fabio Castillo, INF Chris Davis, RHP Wilmer Font, LHP Matt Harrison, RHP Tommy Hunter, 1B Mitch Moreland and C Taylor Teagarden on one-year contracts.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jairo Asencio, RHP Juan Abreu, RHP Brandon Beachy, RHP Erik Cordier, RHP Randall Delgado, RHP Cory Gearrin, RHP Craig Kimbrel, RHP Stephen Marek, RHP Kris Medlen, RHP Anthony Varvaro, LHP Lee Hyde, LHP Mike Minor, LHP Jose Ortegano, LHP Jonny Venters, INF Brooks Conrad, INF Brandon Hicks, 1B Freddie Freeman, OF Jason Heyward, OF Joe Mather, OF Jordan Schafer and OF Matt Young on one-year contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Fernando Abad on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

CHICAGO BULLS—Traded F James Johnson to Toronto for the 2011 first-round draft pick Toronto acquired from Miami.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed F Steve Novak to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Designated C Ryan Kalilhave as the franchise player.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Designated K Phil Dawson as the franchise player.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed CB Champ Bailey to a four-year contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released TE Jeremy Shockey.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed CB Roy Lewis and WR Isaiah Stanback.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed CB Ronde Barber to a one-year contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Dave Ragone wide receivers coach, Art Valero assistant offensive line coach, Chet Parlavecchio assistant special teams coach and Arthur Smith defensive assistant for quality control.

CFL

CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Signed LB Malik Jackson to a contract extension.
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Released QB Jason Maas.
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Signed LB Jamall Johnson to a contract extension through the 2013 season.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Re-signed LB Joe Lobendahn.

HOCKEY

NHL

BOARD OF GOVERNORS—Approved the sale of the Buffalo Sabres to Terry Pegula.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated RW Derek Dorsett off injured reserve.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned G Thomas McCollum from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned G Anders Lindback to Milwaukee (AHL). Recalled G Mark Dekanich and D Jon Blum from Milwaukee.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled C Kyle Turris and D David Schlemko from San Antonio (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled D Tyson Strachan from Peoria (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Reassigned D Yann Sauve to Manitoba (AHL).

CURLING

2011 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENTS OF HEARTS

At Charlottetown
Round Robin

Province (Skip)	W	L
Saskatchewan (Holland)	7	0
Ontario (Homan)	6	1
Canada (J.Jones)	5	2
P.E.I. (Birt)	4	3
Alberta (Kleibrink)	4	3
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	4	3
B.C. (K.Scott)	3	4
Quebec (Larouche)	3	4
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	2	5
New Brunswick (A.Kelly)	2	5
Manitoba (Overton-Clapham)	1	6
N.L. (S.Devereaux)	1	6

Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Nova Scotia 8 Manitoba 7 (extra end)
Canada 10 British Columbia 2
Northwest/Yukon Territories 7 New Brunswick 4
Quebec 10 Newfoundland & Labrador 6
Draw 10
British Columbia 7 Quebec 5
Prince Edward Island 7 Alberta 5
Canada 10 Newfoundland & Labrador 4
Saskatchewan 8 Ontario 5
Draw 11
Alberta 6 Manitoba 5
Ontario 8 New Brunswick 1
Prince Edward Island 6 Nova Scotia 3
Saskatchewan 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 7
Today's games
(All times Eastern)
Draw 12, 8:30 a.m.
Canada vs. Ontario; Saskatchewan vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Quebec vs. Alberta; British Columbia vs. Prince Edward Island.
Draw 13, 1:30 p.m.
Alberta vs. New Brunswick; Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Prince Edward Island; Ontario vs. Manitoba; Saskatchewan vs. Nova Scotia.
Draw 14, 6:30 p.m.
Nova Scotia vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Manitoba vs. Canada; Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. British Columbia; Quebec vs. New Brunswick.
Tomorrow's games
Draw 15, 8:30 a.m.
Prince Edward Island vs. Manitoba; Alberta vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. New Brunswick; Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Ontario.
Draw 16, 1:30 p.m.
Quebec vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; British Columbia vs. New Brunswick; Canada vs. Nova Scotia; Manitoba vs. Newfoundland & Labrador.
Draw 17, 6:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. British Columbia; Ontario vs. Quebec; Prince Edward Island vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Canada vs. Alberta.

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	9	7	2	.778	101	78	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2
Rochester	8	4	4	.500	72	87	2½
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	69	81	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	84	97	3
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK EIGHT
Saturday's games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	40	14	.741	½
d-Miami	42	15	.737	—
d-Chicago	38	16	.704	2½
Orlando	36	21	.632	6
Atlanta	34	21	.618	7
New York	28	26	.519	12½
Philadelphia	27	29	.482	14½
Indiana	25	30	.455	16
Charlotte	25	32	.439	17
Milwaukee	22	34	.393	19½
Detroit	21	37	.362	21½
New Jersey	17	40	.298	25
Washington	15	40	.273	26
Toronto	15	42	.263	27
Cleveland	10	46	.179	31½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	46	10	.821	—
Dallas	40	16	.714	6
d-L.A. Lakers	38	19	.667	8½
d-Oklahoma City	36	19	.655	9½
Portland	32	24	.571	14
Denver	33	25	.569	14
New Orleans	33	25	.569	14
Utah	31	26	.544	15½
Memphis	31	27	.534	16
Phoenix	27	27	.500	18
Golden State	26	29	.473	19½
Houston	27	31	.466	20
L.A. Clippers	21	36	.368	25½
Sacramento	13	41	.241	32
Minnesota	13	44	.228	33½

Last night's results
Charlotte 114 Toronto 101
Indiana 113 Washington 96
Houston 108 Detroit 100
Miami 117 Sacramento 97
Milwaukee 94 Minnesota 88
Oklahoma City 111 L.A. Clippers 88
Denver 120 Memphis 107
Boston at Golden State
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

BOBCATS 114, RAPTORS 101

TORONTO (101)
Weems 9-13 0-0 19, A.Johnson 1-2 4-6 6, Bargnani 7-15 4-5 18, Calderon 3-7 0-0 6, DeRozan 7-15 0-0 14, Davis 4-8 0-0 8, Bayless 0-4 11-12 11, Barbosa 2-6 0-0 4, Ajinca 4-6 1-2 10, Wright 2-2 1-1 5, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-78 21-26 101.
CHARLOTTE (114)
Wallace 3-6 14-15 20, Diaw 6-10 3-3 16, K.Brown 3-6 2-3 8, Augustin 8-15 5-5 23, Jackson 5-11 2-2 13, Mohammed 4-9 0-2 8, Henderson 5-11 5-8 15, Najera 0-1 1-2 1, Livingston 2-7 2-2 6, D.Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Carroll 0-2 0-0 0, McGuire 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 38-81 34-42 114.

Toronto	27	17	25	32	101
Charlotte	33	28	28	25	114

3-Point Goals—Toronto 2-9 (Weems 1-1, Ajinca 1-2, Bayless 0-1, Barbosa 0-2, Bargnani 0-3), Charlotte 4-14 (Augustin 2-7, Jackson 1-3, Diaw 1-3, Wallace 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 47 (Bargnani 8), Charlotte 48 (Mohammed 14). Assists—Toronto 25 (Calderon 11), Charlotte 25 (Diaw 9). Total Fouls—Toronto 32, Charlotte 19. Technicals—Calderon, Toronto defensive three second, Charlotte defensive three second. A—12,976 (19,077) at Charlotte.


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More visibility

The slope of the 2011 Chrysler 300's windshield has been tilted back by 7.5 centimetres at the top, and the thickness of the door pillars has been reduced.

These changes, Chrysler claims, have increased outward visibility by 15 per cent. Other tweaks for 2011 include an integrated rear-deck spoiler, twin oval-shaped exhaust tips and a set of fast-acting and very bright light-emitting diode (LED) taillights.

Changes to the front

While the outside of the 300 retains the same basic shape as last year's model, the car has been treated to a new front end, including projector-style headlights and a simplified grille that actually appears less distinctive.

For any prospective customers who prefer the original egg-crate design, Chrysler can supply it or an optional mesh-style "Bentley" insert for that custom look.

Engine

The 300's specs now include a brand new 292-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 base engine that replaces the outgoing and weak-by-comparison 250-horse 3.5-litre V6 engine.

For best thrust, Chrysler's 5.7-litre "Hemi" V8 returns for 2011 with 363 horsepower and the ability to run on only four of its eight cylinders under light load conditions, which saves a bit of fuel.



▶ Chrysler has discovered that the details really do matter and has concentrated on sculpting rather than renovating. This 300 C (V8) is particularly elegant in black.

Chrysler's back into the luxury game

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WHEELBASE MEDIA

Considering what has been going on at Chrysler for the last year or so, you can forgive the delayed introduction of the big and bold 300 sedan that was officially unveiled in early January at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Since the automaker's takeover by Italy's Fiat organization, the designers and product planners now toiling for the reorganized Chrysler Group LLC have been busily reshaping, reinventing or rebranding just about every model in the company's lineup. And, well, that takes time.

Chrysler's flurry of activity sparked plenty of interest in Detroit, but what's all the hype about? The 300 doesn't look all that different from the 2010 model, does it?

As with the rest of the Chrysler line, the big sedan has been drastically upgraded in several crucial areas, chiefly the interior and under the hood.

For a base price of $34,400, which is unchanged from the 2010 300 (including destination costs), you can get the base Touring model. Of course there are numerous extra-cost items available that could boost the 300 C's base price well above the $45,000 threshold.

That's true luxury-car territory where the new 300 now really and truly belongs.



▶ The highlight of the redesign is likely the heavily upgraded material that blends new style and new materials for an effect that's more than the sum of its parts.



▶ A look at the 300's wheels and rims.

Chrysler 300

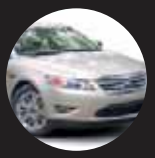
What you should know about the 2011 Chrysler 300:

- **Type:** Four-door, rear- /all-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (292); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (363).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Market Position:** Full-size sedans generate only a small percentage of auto sales, but the revamped 300 is seen as setting the tone for the brand. In that role, it projects new-found luxury and style more fitting of an upscale car.
- **Points:** Not as much of a statement as the outgoing 300; The interior redesign is a major step up; Standard 3.6-litre V6 packs a decent punch and is easy on gas; 5.7-litre Hemi option is fun, but you'll pay at the pump; AWD option almost mandatory for winter excursions; Chrysler is keeping the price at 2010 level.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 12.0/7.3(3.6, est.).

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The last-generation Buick Regal delivered plenty of sauce

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What's the 4-1-1?

- **Model:** 1997 to 2004 Buick Regal
- **Vehicle Type:** Sedan
- **Approximate used price range:** $1,000 to $8,000

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▶ 2002 Buick Regal

The Regal has long been the "sporty" model in Buick's lineup — and a last-generation model actually put down some pretty respectable numbers in the affordable sporty-sedan marketplace during its lifespan.

Available from 1997 to 2004, the last-gen Regal (now replaced by the new-for-2011 Regal), got a standard 3.8-litre V6 or a supercharged variant thereof, generating 200 or 240 horsepower.

The GM '3800' V6 is a simple, relatively efficient and relatively bulletproof engine — meaning it can be expected to perform without issue for years. All Regal models got a four-speed automatic transmission and drove the front wheels.

For an affordable car, the last-gen Regal delivered plenty of sauce.

Shoppers should note that the Regal "GS" got the supercharged engine, which will provide grin-inducing acceleration and make quick work of most Camrys and Accords at stop lights — though the up-level engine will consume more fuel and cost more to insure. The Regal LS with the standard engine is a more modest choice for some.

This five-seat sedan boasted features like automatic climate control, heated power seats, a sunroof, power accessories and an available "Monsoon" premium audio system.

What Owners Like

Performance and fuel mileage with either engine are typically highly-rated Regal attributes, as are the vehicle's looks, comfort levels and overall level of classiness.

What Owners Hate

Some cheap interior trimming and premature wear of some of Regal's interior surfaces are common gripes. Some owners wish for 'tighter' handling to match the engine performance, too.

Common Issues:

Though robust, the GM 3800 engine line was known for a short list of issues — including coolant leak in the intake system and bad manifold gaskets.

A GM-trained mechanic should be comfortable checking for these issues.

Wiring and sensor related issues may also cause driveability issues evidenced by sporadic power delivery, a rough idle or uneven acceleration.

Note that the majority of these issues are typically sensor related and not mechanical in nature.

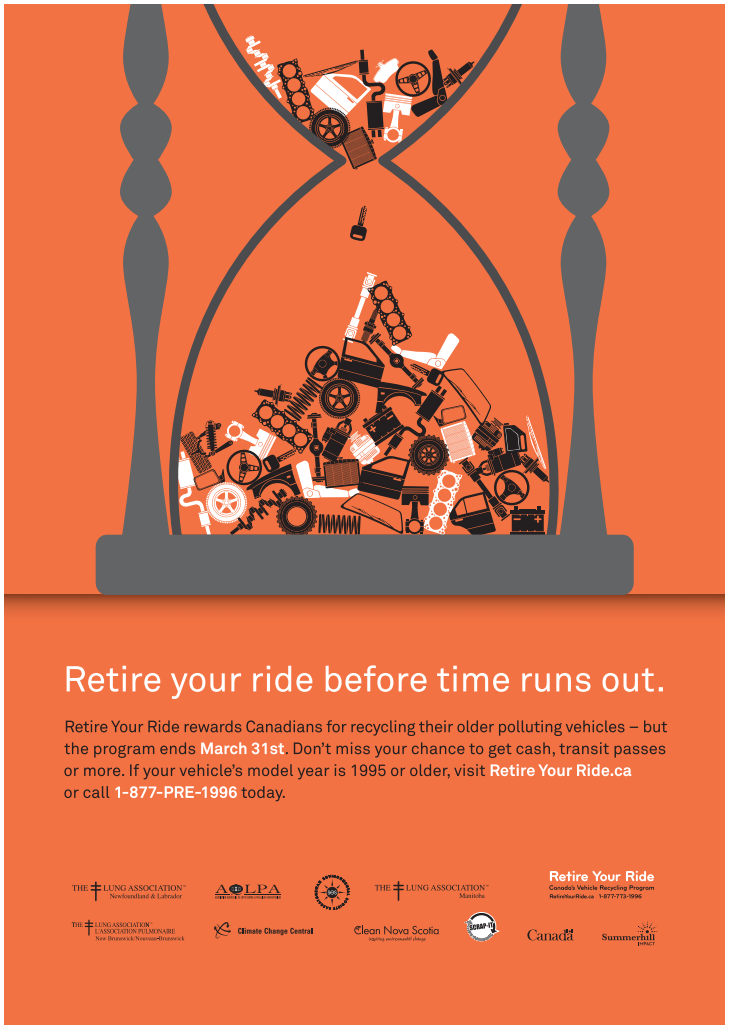
Have the machine you're considering 'scanned' for any check-engine lights or trouble codes, which could indicate a problem.

If visiting a mechanic's shop ahead of your purchase, request an inspection for coolant, oil or transmission fluid leaks beneath the car, too.

The Verdict

A healthy and well-maintained used Regal should prove an affordable, comfortable, sporty and easy-to-maintain sedan.

The available supercharged engine in the Regal GS will also help connect with modern-day muscle-sedan enthusiasts, too.





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If you're rooting for Chrysler, you have to be thrilled that Sergio Marchionne is heading up the automaker, as well as its parent company, Fiat.

Not only has Marchionne successfully orchestrated a turnaround at Fiat, and is making great headway on Chrysler, he's also quirky. What a bonus!

And to make sure everyone understands he is cut from a different cloth, he dresses the part. No white shirt, tie and business suit for Marchionne; wherever he goes you find him sporting a nice black sweater and a nice pair of black slacks.

The clothes match his public persona, which I would call "laid back intense."

While always calm, confident and clear speaking in public forums, you get the impression that when released from the burden of appearing tactful, like when in private discourse with colleagues, he might be even more clear speaking, as in, not mincing words at all.

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▶ Italian-Canadian Sergio Marchionne is the head of Chrysler.

He's rumoured to be temperamental and impatient on occasion with certain "not with the program" co-workers.

But other co-workers have nothing but praise and admiration for him, including fellow "half-Canadian" Ralph Gilles.

Gilles is the CEO for the entire Dodge brand, as well as Chrysler's design chief. Soon after he was born in New York, his family moved to Montreal where he lived until being accepted by Detroit's College for Creative Studies.

The Italian-born Marchionne immigrated to Toronto with his parents when he was 14. He went on to complete undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, an MBA at the University of Windsor, and a law degree from York University's Osgoode Hall.

Marchionne is well known for his prodigious work load, often logging 14-to-18-hour days, seven days a week. Commenting on this output, Gilles once remarked, "Sergio invented an eighth working day."

Others have noted that Marchionne seems only to sleep when he is jetting between Detroit and his "other" job in Italy, which is overseeing Fiat, and its illustrious stable of marques (Ferrari, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, Lancia, etc.).

In a recent speech at the Automotive News World Congress, Gilles noted the new "matrix" management structure that Marchionne introduced into Chrysler.

The Top 4 executives each have two jobs; CEO of one of the brands (Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram), and one that encompasses the entire company (design chief, marketing chief, sales chief, international operations chief).

"We call it a Mexican standoff… We can't screw each other."

But Gilles noted that Marchionne's greatest contribution was instilling a new "can do" attitude: "You just can't tell us it can't be done anymore."

Marchionne is also known for having an eclectic office at Chrysler's HQ in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

For one thing, it's not on the top floor where the top brass usually hang out, but on the lower engineering floor.

From what we hear, it's also messy, filled with classical music CDs, and has an infamous Dodge poster on the wall with this message: "Give a Sh!t."

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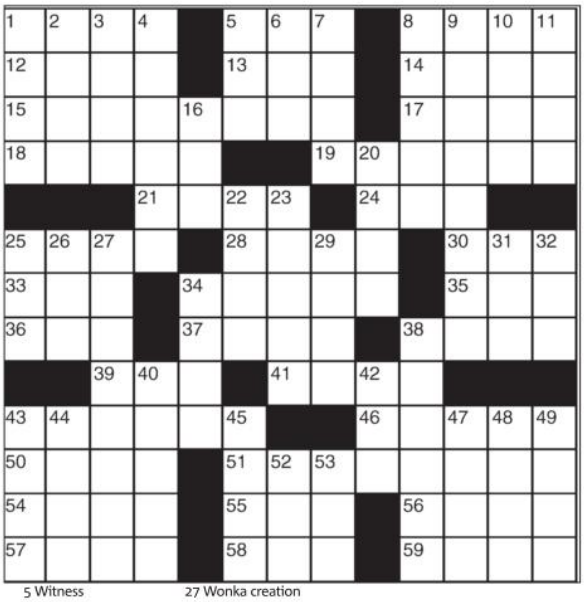
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Crossword



Across

1 Writer Kingsley
5 Hot tub
8 Adam and Eve's son
12 Dog owner's chore
13 Work unit
14 Burning heap
15 High score in darts
17 Ogler's look
18 Apportion
19 Kitchen rack fillers
21 "Memory" musical
24 Greek vowel
25 Hoist
28 Beams of light
30 Agree silently
33 — Khan
34 "Likewise"
35 Rotation duration
36 Thither
37 Fine
38 Information unit
39 "— Kapital"
41 Christmas refrain
43 Father Time's prop
46 Festive parties
50 Exile isle
51 "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" lifeline
54 Gridiron terminus
55 Bikini half
56 Great Lake
57 Shrek is one
58 Stitch
59 Timetable, for short

Down

"Mamma Mia" group
2 Manhandle
3 "— do for now"
4 Cheap merchandise
5 Witness
6 Crowbar
7 Census statistics
8 Gymnastic maneuver
9 Something superficially attractive
10 Genealogy chart
11 Divorce settlement portion
16 Depot (Abbr.)
20 Mexican money
22 "Star —"
23 Beelzebub
25 Funny Leno
26 Back when
27 Wonka creation
29 Vacillate
31 Feedbag morsel
32 Coloring agent
34 Slam-dance
38 Trumpet sounds
40 "— of Two Cities"
42 Early bird?
43 Lily variety
44 Stop up
45 Recedes
47 Caprice
48 "... baked in —"
49 Molt
52 Exist
53 Uncivilized

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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7					4			5
	4	5		6			1	
	6	9	1					2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	4	8	7	1	6	3	2	9
6	7	9	3	5	2	4	8	1
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8	9	5	1	4	7	6	3	2
7	2	4	5	6	3	9	1	8
2	5	7	6	9	8	1	4	3
4	6	3	2	7	1	8	9	5
9	8	1	4	3	5	2	7	6

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 As of today, you will be back in command and eager to make up for lost time. But don't be so eager that you neglect to use your brain. Energy can take you only so far.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you say the wrong thing today there is a real possibility that you will make an enemy of someone who has the power to cause you serious trouble. You are entitled to your opinions, but don't be so blunt!

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you want to move up in the world, start thinking about how you can accomplish it. Don't limit your thinking to past experiences, because you can create new experiences.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Mars, planet of energy, moves into one of the best areas of your chart today, so don't hold back. Be active, be ambitious and be adventurous. All things are possible, but you've got to believe in yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Make sure you get paid the going rate for whatever task it is you are required to do today. Others will sell you short, but only if you let your guard down.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Now that Mars is moving into your opposite sign of Pisces, you must be careful how you relate to people in your personal life and at work. Try not to be too aggressive or they will be even more aggressive in return.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Even if you are the kind of Libra who does not much like crowds, you'll want to be out and mixing with people today. New social contacts could soon be business contacts, too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Mars, your co-ruler, moves into the most decisive and dynamic area of your chart today. You will be even more ambitious and assertive than usual.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You must not let your emotions get the better of you. When dealing with family and friends resist the temptation to lay down the law because it will only make matters worse. Find gentle ways to persuade them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You talk a good fight but how are you when it comes to getting down and dirty? As Mars moves in your favour today, you won't hesitate to back up your words with action.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Mars moves out of your birth sign today, but that does not mean you will be less energetic than you have been in recent weeks. You will, however, need to focus your efforts.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 This is going to be an extremely busy, and potentially extraordinary, time for you. With Mars, planet of ambition, joining the Sun and Mercury in your sign today you won't lack for self-belief. SALLY BROMPTON

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